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SUBJ: DJIBOUTI DELEGATION COMPLETES CONSULTATIONS AT MOGADISCIO

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SUMMARY: DJIBOUTI POLITICANS RETURNED HOME FEBRUARY 16 AFTER PUTTING TOGETHER, IN CONSULTATION WITH GSDR, WHAT THEY REFERRED TO AS "COMMON STRATEGY" FOR FEBRUARY 28 PARIS CONFERENCE ON DJIBOUTI. CONSULTATION S WERE CHARACTERIZED AS "COMPLETE SUCCESS" BY PARTICIPANTS. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO SOMALI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY AND RADIO MOGADISCIO, WE EK-

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LONG CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF POPULAR AFRICAN LEAGUE FOR INDEPENDENCE (LPAI), FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF SOMALI COAST (FLCS), DJIBOUTI PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY GROUP AND GSDR OFFICIALS ENDED IN "COMPLETE SUCCESS AND UNDERSTANDING" ON "COMMON STRATEGY" TO BE PURSUED AT FORTHCOMING PARIS CONFERENCE ON DJIBOUTI. MR. SA'AD WARSAME DIRIE, F

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DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF DJIBOUTI PARLIAMENT, IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "THREE-PARTY ALLIANCE" WILL DEMAND INDEPENDENCE AT "END OF JUNE OR EARLY JULY 1977". HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT "ALL" OF ALLIANCE'S PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT PARIS. IN ADDITION, SA'AD THANKED GSDR FOR ITS "CONSISTENT SUPPORT FOR THE UNCONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCE" OF DJIBOUTI.

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2. FRENCH COUNSELOR CHRISTOPE PHILIBERT (PROECT) INFORMED US THAT DJIBOUTI DELEGATION DID NOT CONTACT HIS EMBASSY DURING MOGADISCIO VISIT. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE NO MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VISIT THAN THAT APPEARING IN SOMALI OFFICIAL MEDIA. IN HIS WORDS, DJIBOUTIANS ARE ACTING AS THOUGH THEY ARE ALREADY INDEPENDENT. NEVERTHELESS, PHILIBERT THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE NO GREAT SURPRISES AT PARIS AS RESULT OF MOGADISCIO CONSULTATIONS. MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION AT PARIS WOULD BE NATURE OF FRENCH MILITARY PRESENCE AFTER INDEPENDENCE, HE SAID. GOF'S MAIN CONCERN NOW, ACCORDING TO PHILIBERT, IS EPMG'S UNPREDICTABLE REACTION TO UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GOF AND GSDR ON DJIBOUTI. HE COMMISERATED WITH HIS FRENCH COLLEAGUES AT ADDIS ABABA, WHO MUST BE IN SOMEWHAT UNCOMFORTABLE POSITION OF TRYING TO EXPLAIN AWAY THAT UNDERSTANDING.

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